



RCMP O DIVISION CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
Border Integrity Open Source Results for 2022-02-16, 2000 hours

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AIM

To provide RCMP O Division with passive open source information identified on 2022-02-16 by 2000 hours, pertaining to the ongoing protests known as the "Freedom Convoy" at or near Ontario land and air ports of entry (POE).

KEY FINDINGS

- A suspected convoy of six to seven vehicles attempted to reoccupy the Ambassador Bridge was thwarted by police before they reached Windsor.
- There is a planned rally on 2022-02-19 at 1400hrs at the Great Canada Flag at the Windsor Riverfront. This event may be larger in attendance than previous rallies.
- Decrease in online chatter should not be construed as diminished support or lack of possible participation in upcoming events
- Reduction in public facing online activity is increasingly noted since previous reporting on moderators planning to move to 'secure' sites.
- Windsor based groups/individuals are calling for local protestors to mobilize and travel to Ottawa in order to bolster numbers.
- Based on perceived success at Coutts, AB information was found that protestors have discussed disrupting/blocking cargo terminals at Canadian airports.

NIAGARA REGION

Peace Bridge

Users on the "Freedom Convoy Fort Erie Border 2022"ⁱ(Figure 1, next page) and the "Niagara Peninsula Convoy 2022"ⁱⁱ (Figure 2, next page) on Facebook were discussing protest activity for this coming weekend (2022-02-19/20). Users have indicated that Ottawa requires the support, or that blocking roads are unnecessary. Protestors to abide by parking guidelines and park on the side of the road. Direction for protestors to park under the Peace Bridge.



Figure 1. Source: Freedom Convoy Fort Erie Border 2022

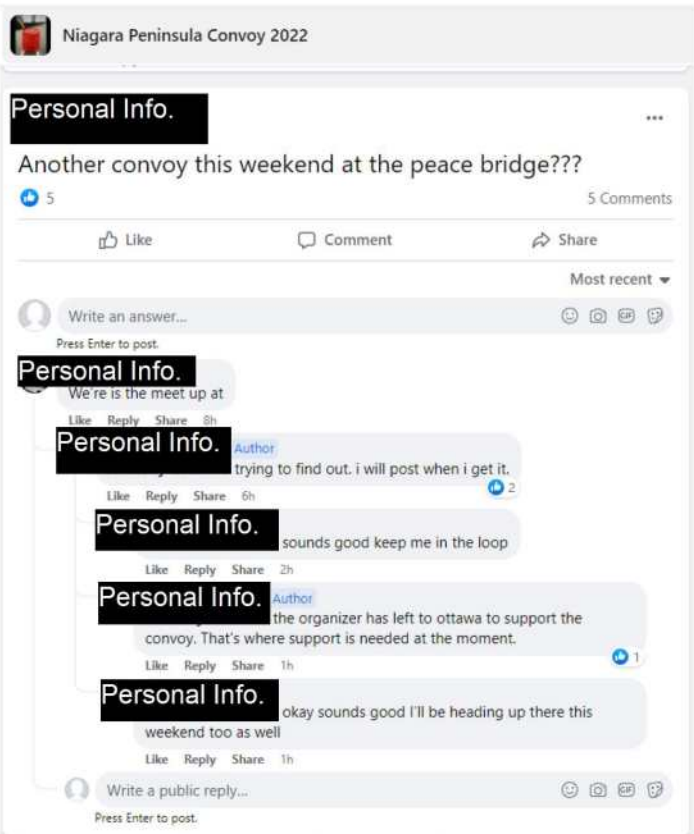


Figure 2 : Source: Niagara Peninsula Convoy 2022

Rainbow/Whirlpool/Queenston-Lewiston Bridge

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

KINGSTON

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

CORNWALL

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

WINDSOR

Windsor Police reported that a suspected convoy of six to seven vehicles attempted to reoccupy the Ambassador Bridge was thwarted by police before they reached the border crossing. No specific time was reported; however, it did report that the incident occurred within the last 24 hours.ⁱⁱⁱ Previous open source queries did not locate any public posts of concern regarding any planned activity in the Windsor area, such as a convoy. This suggests that protesters could be communicating through private groups and messaging applications that are not visible through passive open source queries or protesters may be preparing smaller convoys organized amongst groups of friends or associates.

Twitter account **Personal Info.**, the same user that previously posted the Mayor of Windsor's home address on Twitter, tweeted about an upcoming rally on 2022-02-19 at 1400hrs at the Great Canadian Flag at the Windsor Riverfront. The photo 'flyer' of the event is captioned, "Hold the line against medical tyranny. Windsor just delayed Ambassador Bridge traffic for a week, **Person** labeled protesters 'mentally unstable', and Trudeau enacted emergency powers. Let's talk about that." The flyer also states that this is a monthly event and the next rally will take place 2022-03-19 (Figure 3).^{iv} **Personal Info.** is believed to be **Personal Info.** who was previously reported in CIP-2022-6041-IB^v. Even though this event is a monthly event, the rally on 2022-02-19 may be larger due to the recent protests in Windsor.

Persona!

#Windsor #AmbassadorBridge #DrewDilkens #Rally
#ConvoyForFreedom2022 #CanadaTruckers



9:00 PM · Feb 16, 2022 · Twitter Web App

Figure 3: Twitter Post - Rally in Windsor

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Two videos in particular were being circulated on Facebook. Facebook user **Personal Info.** (Figure 4) made the following statements during a live message at approximately 13h00. The video has been viewed over 180k times, there are 13k comments.^{vi} The UM speaking on the video recounted information from an alleged meeting took part in at 1100hrs 2022-02-16. Instructions for protestors to mobilize and bolster numbers in Ottawa ASAP in whatever vehicle they have and believes that the LRAD (long range acoustic device) is in Trenton and heading towards Ottawa. Advises truckers, if they see police coming, to lock their doors, roll up their windows, lay on the horn and don't stop sounding their horn. That will trigger all other horns. This will prevent police from being able to communicate with each other. It will also act as a warning to supporters that the police are present.

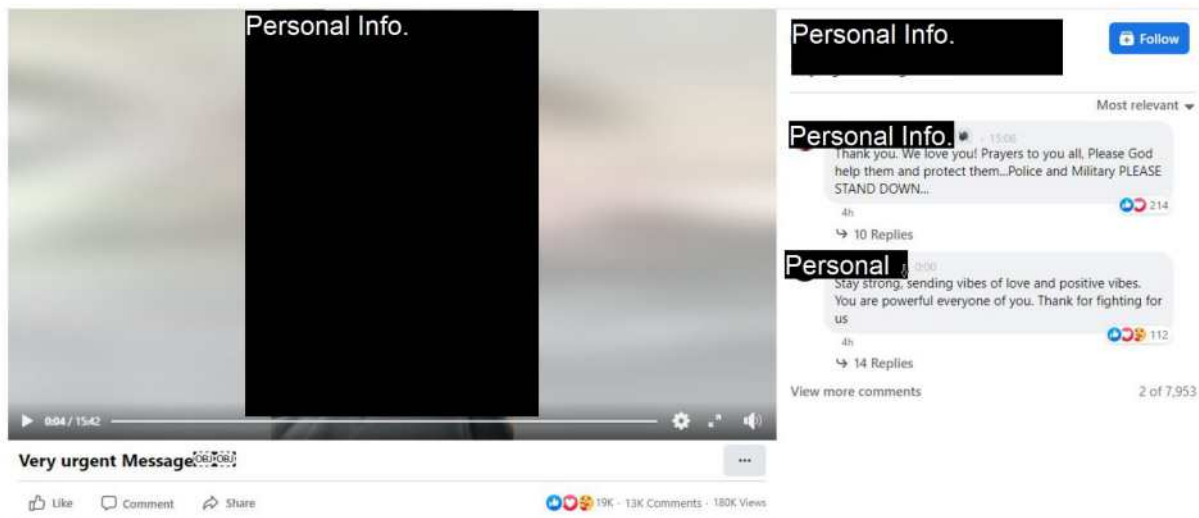


Figure 4 **Personal Info.**

A second video posted by **Personal Info.** (Figure 5, next page) from the group CONVOY FOR FREEDOM TORONTO 2022.^{vii} The video was posted at approximately 14h00. In this video, which has 1k views and has been shared 185 times, they state that time is no longer on our side, and this is a call to action. Ottawa will be under siege. Also encouraging everyone to travel to Ottawa ASAP and bring goggles in case of tear gas and hearing protection. For those in Toronto who can't attend in Ottawa, they have a few ideas of different places. They ask that viewers private message them to prevent "them" from blocking it off. They encourage viewers to park their truckers in front of MPs offices, or city hall. Ottawa is the priority but if Ottawa falls at least they will have backups.



Figure 5: Person

Protesters have observed and are reporting about a drone in the air above the protest site (Figure 6).^{viii}



Figure 6: drones

SARNIA

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

SAULT STE. MARIE

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YOW

No specific posts of concern noted. However, a covert operation conducted by an Edmonton security firm determined some protesters occupying the Coutts border had become so emboldened by the blockade's success they discussed blocking cargo terminals at airports across the country in an ongoing attempt to force a change of government in Ottawa.

"We do have some intelligence that we believe is reliable, that suggests they're considering targeting international airports where cargo and shipping supplied to routes are vulnerable."^{ix}

TORONTO PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YYZ

No specific posts of concern noted. May be impacted if cargo terminal blockades are actioned

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

With the fluidity and ever evolving situations at or near the POEs, continued live query support of open source media is warranted in order to provide updated situational awareness for RCMP O Division and partner agencies.

With all the POE blockades dismantled as of this reporting, protestors may be pivoting to alternate disruptions which may disrupt trade as in the case with Cargo Terminal blockades.

LIIMITATIONS

Although every effort has been made to review all publicly visible social media and web sources for information relevant to this brief, the absence of threat information herein should not be taken as an exhaustive examination of potential threats. A large volume of information is available online and constantly evolving.

DISSEMINATION

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